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1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR RESPONSE REFTEL.

TWO PROBLEMS REMAIN, HOWEVER, WHICH EMPHASIZE THE URGENCY
OF THE MATTER AND PERSUADE US TO SEEK A RESOLUTION OF THE
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REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--
CERTAINLY BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

2. MODIFYING THE ANTENNAS ON VOA'S MUNICH TRANSMITTER TO
CHANGE DIRECTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS REQUIRED FOR NIGHT-TIME
USE WILL TAKE FIVE TO SIX MONTHS. 209 WILL BE AVAILABLE
NOVEMBER 23. IF WE -- FOR THAT MATTER DLF -- ARE TO

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BROADCAST ON 209 USING THAT TRANSMITTER, WE SHOULD COME TO AN AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE REQUIRED CHANGES IN TIME.

3. ONE OTHER POINT SHOULD BE RAISED: PART OF THE U S NEGOTIATING PACKAGE, AS CONVEYED TO THE GERMANS DURING MARCH 21 SESSION, WAS A REQUEST FOR TIME ON DW'S KIGALI

TRANSMITTER AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR DLF'S FULL-TIME USE OF 209 AND VOA MUNICH TRANSMITTER. SINCE WE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF FRG WE CANNOT ACCEPT AS FINAL VENHAUS STATEMENT (PARAGRAPH 3, REFTEL) THAT KIGALI WAS NOT A BPM MATTER. IN FOLLOW-UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, PLEASE EMPHASIZE THAT TIME-SHARING ON DW KIGALI TRANS-MITTERS WAS INDEED PART OF PACKAGE; THAT DURING MARCH 21 SESSION GERMAN SIDE STATED THAT DW IN PRINCIPLE HAD NO PROBLEM IN SHARING ITS FACILITY WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY, AND THAT BPM REPRESENTATIVE (KRATH) WOULD ARRANGE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH DW.

4. IN SUM, WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRING ENTIRE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION ON A BILATERAL GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, AND WE URGE THAT THIS BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO THIS IN BONN. CHRISTOPHER

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